

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE INTERNET GUN TRAFFICKING ACT OF 1999

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Internet Gun Trafficking Act of 1999. Currently, unlicensed individuals are able to sell and unlicensed buyers are able to buy firearms over the Internet. Moreover, web site operators, who are not licensed gun dealers, facilitate firearms transactions between buyers and sellers. Web site operators run web sites which provide space for unlicensed individuals to post guns for sale. The web sites give names, phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses of sellers, to allow potential buyers the opportunity to contact the sellers directly for the purchase of firearms. These transactions, while facilitated by the web site operator are not monitored by the web site operator, thus occurring out of anyone's eyesight, including law enforcement. As a result, many individuals, including children and felons are able to purchase firearms illegally and evade the law.

My bill will end the unlicensed selling of guns over the Internet. Web site operators who offer firearms for sale or otherwise facilitate the sale of firearms listed or posted over the Internet, must become federally licensed firearm manufacturers, importers or dealers. Additionally, as an aid to law enforcement, licensed firearm dealers-web site operators are required to notify the Secretary of the Treasury of their web site address, as would any individual who operates a web site which offers for sale or otherwise facilitates the sale of firearms.

Furthermore, to ensure legal firearm transactions over the Internet, individuals who on behalf of other persons, lists or posts firearms for sale over the Internet will have to establish themselves as "middlemen." All guns sold from the "middleman's" web site, must be shipped directly to the "middleman." The "middleman" is then required to transfer the firearms to the buyer in accordance with federal firearm laws, including laws which require that firearms are shipped directly to a licensed dealer in the unlicensed buyer's state. The "middleman" is prohibited from providing any information which would facilitate direct contact between the seller and the buyer. Finally, unlicensed individuals who offer firearms for sale over the Internet may only transfer those firearms directly to the web site operator.

I hope that my introduction of the Internet Gun Trafficking Act of 1999 will call attention to the need to regulate gun sales in this new era of Internet firearm transactions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 1998 NEW MEXICO PARENTS OF THE YEAR

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention the recipients of the 1998 New Mexico Parents of the Year award. This award is administered by the New Mexico Parent's Day Coalition. As we recognize these parents, I thank them for the role they play in strengthening and restoring the foundation of our country—the family.

Jerry and Debbie Dixon, Albuquerque
Joe and Lori Chavez, Santa Fe
Dr. Oscar and June Marquardt, Alamogordo
Carl and Donna Londene, Albuquerque
John and Belina Ortiz, Bosque Farms
Charles and Karen Cooper, Albuquerque
Nemesio and Marylou Martinez, Los Lunas
Arthur and Lou Jauriqui, Albuquerque
Glenn and Oma Warwick, Las Cruces
Pastor Ira and Diane Shelton, Albuquerque
Duc Vu and Nghi Nguyen-Vu, Albuquerque
Please join me in thanking these parents for their dedication to raising good citizens and their contribution to New Mexico's future.

TRIBUTE TO JIM HLAFFKA

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to congratulate the Bunker hill basketball coach, Jim Hlafka for attaining his 700th career win this past February 23rd.

Jim Hlafka, who is 65 years old, has been the Bunker Hill basketball coach for 40 years now. By coaching 700 games to victory, he became a member of an elite group of only 10 other coaches from Illinois who have attained this goal. Not only did Hlafka attain his own goal that evening, he coached the Bunker Hill Minutemen to victory in the 80th annual Macoupin County Boys Tournament.

Corey Elliot, a member of the team that won the County Championship, said that "[i]t's an honor to play for him." It is also an honor for me and all of Bunker Hill to be represented by one of the best high school coaches in the state of Illinois.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE RANKED NATION'S TOP PRIMARY-CARE MEDICAL SCHOOL

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce that US News and World Report re-

cently ranked the University of Washington's School of Medicine as number one in primary care.

Many teaching programs at the University's School of Medicine were also ranked in the top five, including a number one rank in rural medicine, number one in family medicine, number four in women's health, and number five in AIDS instruction. Overall, the University of Washington's medical school was ranked ninth in the country.

The most exciting and creative research is taking place at the University of Washington. In fact, only two other medical schools receive more funding from the National Institutes of Health. I can safely assert that the best primary care doctors of the 21st Century are the current students at the University of Washington.

Congratulations to the outstanding students, teachers, researchers, and faculty of the University of Washington's School of Medicine. Your commitment to excellence is second to none.

HONORING SUSAN GLASER

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following statement which was delivered to the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom when they honored Ms. Susan Glaser of West Palm Beach, Florida.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 18, 1999.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE
AND FREEDOM,
West Palm Beach, Florida

It is my great pleasure to join with you in honoring Susan Glaser. During the time Susan was employed in my office, she worked tirelessly on behalf of people in need of Social Security benefits, Medicare and federal housing assistance. She was particularly effective at helping first generation Americans adjust to the complexities of life in this country. Widely known as a concerned, compassionate person, Susan always presented a positive image for me when representing me at public events.

I congratulate WILPF for giving Susan the recognition she deserves. She has spent a lifetime fighting for all the things we truly care about. She has always been an effective organizer, drawing the attention of her fellow citizens to the need for refugee aid and food and shelter for the homeless. Susan has also been noted for her history on the front lines of the Civil Rights movement and for speaking out against the injustices perpetrated on the peoples of Central America.

I am glad to add my voice to the many others who are singing Susan's praises today. She is a wonderful person who truly deserves the many accolades she receives. Congratulations, Susan! I am very, very proud of you!

In Peace,

ALCEE L. HASTINGS,
Member of Congress.

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